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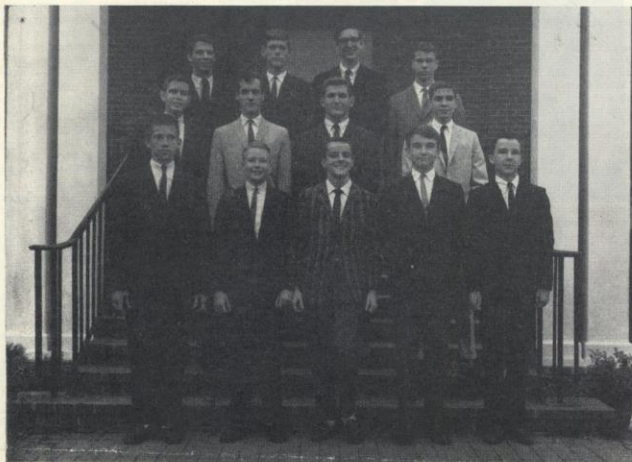
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MATH TEAM SWEEPS DIVISION



Front row: Ednie, Greer, Appel, Terry, Nicholson. Second row: Williams, Stiffer, Baldwin, Smead. Third row: Evans, Shanks, Wilson, Strayhorn.

On Tuesday, April 27, the annual high school math contest was held at Peabody College. M.B.A.'s traditionally fine showing included: Algebra I—first place, Bill Terry, fifth place—Jerry Greer. Algebra II—first place (tie)—George Appel and Joe Strayhorn, third place—Jan Ednie, fourth place—Alex Nicholson; Plane Geometry—second place, Mark Wilson, third place—Rick Evans, fourth place—Gene Shanks, ninth place—John Williams; Comprehensive (Senior Math)—fourth place—Bill Smead, sixth place—John Stiffer, tenth place—Jimmy Baldwin. This fine showing as always reflects on our fine Math department. Congratulations to these boys!

Frank Stevens

Debate News

Following the rather discouraging results of the Barkley Forum at Emory in February, the debate team participated in several smaller tournaments in preparation for the National Forensic League Tournament at David Lipscomb College, March 20-21. The members' hard work against Overton and Hillwood, and several other local schools was clearly evident as they won several honors in this highly-regarded event. Seniors Mike Moofy and Mike Brandon were especially outstanding in winning three of their five debates. Participation depended upon certain point qualifications that had to be met by all members of the team, and unfortunately there were few entrants from M. B. A. However, several of our

debaters had shown exceptional improvement prior to the meet and have continued to do so through the spring. Bill Howell, Rick Evans, Mike McCotter, John Stiffer, Ian Ednie, George Duncan, Joe Strayhorn, Burton Rice, and the only freshmen representatives, Bill Terry and Rusty Lawrence, have all played a great part in bringing recognition to the hard work of Mrs. Campbell and the high quality of M. B. A. debate.

In the coming weeks the team will journey to several major debates. The District Tournament is to be held in Nashville and the first place winners will compete at the State meet in Chattanooga on April 13. Also up-coming is the Mid-South Forensic Tournament for private schools in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. M. B. A. has annually figured prominently in these meets and we wish the best of luck to this year's entrants.

Dramatics Club Presents One Acts

After a very successful production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, the Dramatics Club has produced four more plays this spring. Each one, a short play of one act, was directed by a senior. This senior had complete charge of casting and production. All four plays were produced the past weekend. Mr. Poston, sponsor of the Dramatics Club, has stated that these plays under senior direction will be an annual event and that an award will be presented to the best director.

The plays presented this year are as follows: "Sorry, Wrong Number" written by Lucille Fletcher, directed by Jim Stanford; "The Sandbox" written by Edward Albee, directed by Rodney Downey; "Where the Cross is Made" written by Eugene O'Neill, directed by John Stiffer; and "A Marriage Proposal" written by Anton Chekhov, directed by John Dunn.

Alex Nicholson

Assembly Speakers

On February 20, Grant Smithson introduced to the assembly a familiar and well-liked personality, Dr. Ben St. Clair, pastor of the West End Methodist Church. Because of the requests of the faculty, Dr. St. Clair delivered one of his most popular and most important sermons, Dr. St. Clair dealt with the problem of conformity in a scholarly and thorough manner. He told us that, of course, conformity is an old and serious problem, and that conformity is a problem of all ages, not just teenagers. He started by saying that all conformity is not bad since everyone must conform to society's laws and standards. Dr. St. Clair then defined the essence of conformity—the acceptance of a group's standards which are not one's own—doing what others say simply because one is afraid not to.

Dr. St. Clair pointed out that when one conforms, he loses his rights as an individual and hurts himself as well as the moral fiber of our nation! He compared the results of too much conformity to the results of termite nesting—the object is destroyed from the inside out. He pointed out that an individual or even a nation may look fine on the outside, but it may be crumbling on the inside because of its loss of rights and freedoms due to conformity. Dr. St. Clair alluded to the fall of the Roman Empire as a prime example of this internal decay.

Dr. St. Clair observed that there is no clear-cut answer to the problem of conformity, but that one should be an intelligent non-conformist. He stated that the whole matter boiled down to "am I going to control my life or will I be controlled?"

Dr. St. Clair then urged us not to be conformed by a crowd but to be transformed into better, freer individuals by our own minds and wills.

All the students were benefited and entertained by Dr. St. Clair's excellent talk on such a timely topic. We all hope to see Dr. St. Clair with us again soon.

On March 3 Rusty Davis presented Dr. Thomas Barr of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dr. Barr graduated from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. He had a son, Bill, who graduated from M.B.A. in 1956. Dr. Barr delivered a fine talk, very pertinent to our daily lives and experiences. First of all, he observed that when we read or hear from Jesus' words, we do not apply them directly to our daily lives, but put them away and don't ever really use them.

Second, he stated that everyone in our society is being "drawn and shaken by external forces" in our everyday lives such as advertising. He depicted modern life as a struggle between these various forces within the individual. Then Dr. Barr stated that everyone is to some degree handicapped. He urged us to overcome our handicaps and to produce something good, as the oyster forms a pearl because of a bad environment or a handicap in the oyster. Then when Dr. Barr had ended these three different but indeed important parts of his talk, he correlated all three with the advice that we should develop our full potential, that the Lord has given us despite our many handicaps, many assets.

The students enjoyed Dr. Barr's timely, fitting and well-given address.

Tom Howell

Richard Worden Wins Poetry Prize



Richard Worden recently took first place in the Belmont Wordfest in the poetry division. The BELL RINGER would like to congratulate Richard for his fine achievement and pay tribute to his ability. A copy of his sonnet is published below:

How Grows the Rose

Sarcophaguses are for those who bear

A feeling of aversion to this earth,
Which has, midst strife since
Fabled Adam's birth

Sustained man's footsteps from
Rand to Bonair.

The grave enigma now is what to wear.

While undertakers smile in muffled mirth,

Bereaved pay many times a caskets worth

To render witness that they truly care.

For me, I want a kist of yellowed pine.

I want no cements laden with
coined gold.

Please lay me down, face up, in
deep repose

And surely calm composure shall
be mine

And I shall have the roots of
trees to hold

And I shall see at last, how grows
the rose.

In Memoriam

Paul

Callis

The Senior Slash

Like everybody else, most of the seniors are bragging about their great adventures during Spring Vacation—except for Todd and Buttery. All we know about "Frenchy" and Big Dave is that they probably went to Nassau and then to Florida. They were seen once or twice in Florida—and identified, much to their dismay—but no reports of their activities in Nassau have been found as yet. All we know is, the Tropic of Cancer runs right through the Bahamas (look on any map).

Our congratulations to Ric Worden, the unofficial Poet Laureate of M. B. A. Richard recently distinguished himself as an outstanding poet with his sonnet "How Grows the Rose," with which he won the poetry award in the Belmont Wordfest.

Our congratulations also to the seniors who helped make the recent production of *Our Town* the success it was. These seniors include Jim Stanford, Bob King, John Stuffer, John Dunn, Jim Lowenthal, Rodney Downey, Bill Branham, Tupper Morehead, Frederic Billings, Bobby Harwell, Webb Harwell, and Chuck Burns. Speaking of dramatics, watch for a group of one-act plays which will be directed by seniors and presented in May. Seniors who are directing plays are John Dunn ("The Marriage Proposal"), Rodney Downey ("The Sandbox"), Jim Stanford ("Sorry, Wrong Number"), and John Stuffer ("Where the Cross is Made"). It has come to our attention that Stanford has selected a producer for his play—Mike ("Just call me Cecil B.") Brandon.

Flash! Mr. Poston has announced that he has graded four more of the tests on *The Red Badge of Courage*, which we took when we were freshmen. He now has only eleven left, and he may be able to return them at graduation, although this is doubtful. Extra! Buttery investigated for income tax evasion!

Recently a new club was formed here at M. B. A. This club is officially known as the French Club. Composed almost entirely of sophomores, this club was organized the week after mid-terms and decided to meet every day at the ten-minute break outside the door to Mrs. Hollins' room. For some mysterious reason, however, meetings were apparently suspended after two or three weeks.

A new disease has recently been discovered in several members of the Senior Class. This disease is referred to as Traumatism, Mootitis, Pulliamitis, Thompsonitis, Themitis, Biologireportitis, Mondayitis, Historytestitis, Thursdayitis, Fridayitis, and many other names. The symptoms are as follows: sleeping in class, low theme grades, seeking companionship in the Honor room, failure to do homework, absence on Mondays, Thursdays, and other days, blood-shot eyes, but most of all extreme "exhaustion." This disease is expected to last for at least another month and a half.

A new feature of our column is the "Senior of the Month." This month's "Senior of the Month" is Rusty Davis. Rusty, known to his friends as Dusty and to his enemies as Ravis, came to M. B. A. in his Freshman year. In four years he has distinguished himself in many fields, especially those of scholarship, organizations, and athletics. In the field of scholarship, Rusty has won the Latin I medal and has constantly been on the Privileged List. In the field of organizations, Rusty has been in the Forensic Club for three years and has distinguished himself as an outstanding assembly-speaker-introducer. But of all his accomplishments, none are more outstanding than those in the field of athletics. For three years Rusty has been a mainstay of the Hi-Y Basketball team. At 5' 4" Rusty has become famous as the shortest forward on any team in Nashville. This year, however, he was switched to guard in order that his great play-making ability

might be put to better use. The highlight of Rusty's career was undoubtedly this year's game between The UT varsity and the M. B. A. Hi-Y team. In the game Rusty guarded All-SEC guard Danny Schultz, holding the Tennessee star to only three points. Rusty scored his season high of 29 points and collected 17 rebounds. Our congratulations to Rusty on a fine career at M. B. A.

Congratulations to Frank Bass and Steve Trautman, the only seniors on the 1963-64 varsity basketball squad, for their excellent contributions to this year's season. And now we come to a few choice comments about English class. Recently Mrs. Lowry's AP class undertook a study of Psychiatry. Downey and Lowenthal received recognition as the outstanding psychoanalysts of the class. Anyone who is in need of psychiatric help is urged to be sure and stay away from both of these seniors.

Flash! Smith sponsors a lottery—five cents a ticket. Baldwin wins 35 cent sweepstakes.

Our congratulations to Bill Fanning, who, with his superior mathematical ability, has devised a new system of mathematics. Bill has put this system to practice on many tests and all of his homework. It is commonly called The Fanning Method. Bill is also trying to establish this method as the one by which all students should do their math. As yet, however, another method, known as the Sager Method, has been much more widely used. In fact, the converts to The Fanning Method include only one person—the author himself.

And now some new sayings by seniors and their friends:

Mrs. Lowry: "We Mooty's just about where he is."

Dr. Sager: "NO, Fanning. No. Absolutely not."

Bramham: "Yeah, Angela dropped me."

Smith: "For our next money-making project, let's sponsor a car-rally."

Lowenthal: "... and then I ask them about all their childhoods, to see if any past experiences contributed to their present psychological state..."

Mr. Edmonds: "Yay for the Three Stooges!"

Attention! Watch for the final issue of this year's *BELL RINGER*, which will feature at least two full columns of the Senior Slash, a eulogy for our class, Last Will and Testament, possibly an epitaph for the whole class, a number of various added attractions, and the Senior Tea Leaves.

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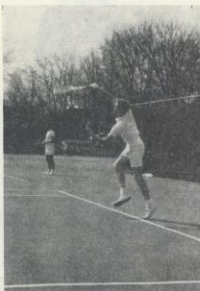
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Tennis

This year's varsity tennis team again is expected to have an exceptional year. With the return of three juniors of last year, Mr. Rule has a solid foundation on which to build another fine team. Frank Bass, the number 1 player, returns to defend his NIL and Regional titles while Steve Trautman and Jim Braden will fill the number 4 and number 6 positions respectively. Greer Cummings will play the number 2 position and will again be a strong contender for the NIL title. Dent Shillinglaw, the hard-hitting left-hander, will play the number 3 position and Buzz Beauchamp, a conscientious freshman, will be challenging the top players from his number 5 position. To back up the first 6 positions will be juniors Tom Bailey and Trevor Evans, freshman Rusty Lawrence, and eighth-grader Charlie Nelson. Mr. Poston has acquired a very reputable B-Team squad through the improvement of Norman Carl, Arthur Reed, Jim Webb, and Weaver Barkdale. The varsity, including the first six players, took a trip to Chattanooga April 9-11 for the Mid-South tournament, earning a third place finish. The following week, the varsity and the B-Team went to Chattanooga to play Baylor and McCallie. The results were as follows: Varsity—M.B.A. 2, Baylor 7, M.B.A. 0, McCallie 9, B-Team—M.B.A. 0, Baylor 9, M.B.A. 5, McCallie 4. The trip continued to Rome, Georgia where the varsity and B-Team defeated Darlington 8-1 and 6-3. These two trips have proven the ability of this year's team and the prospect for the next few years. Lipscomb again will be the Big Red's strongest contender in the NIL with Hillwood also showing formidable strength. With no sophomores of last year on the present varsity of six men, M.B.A. will lose no one from the 1965 team. As one can see, Mr. Rule's tennis power still exhibits the power and prestige it gained during its 18-year reign as NIL champion.



Track

A large number of returning lettermen plus a promising group of new-comers are brightening the track team's hopes for a successful season on the cinders this spring. Fifteen regulars from the 1963 team including a large core of juniors will strengthen the potency of the Big Red thinclads and supply the necessary leadership for the up-coming meets with other schools. The welcome turnout of many non-lettermen is expected to provide the intersquad competition and assurance of depth which Coach Owen so deftly develops perennially.

On March 26-27, the Big Red thinclads stormed into the David Lipscomb campus and decidedly "ran away" with the three way meet with Lipscomb and Hillsboro. The following week B.G.A. handed the M.B.A. squad their first defeat.

At this writing, each member of the M.B.A. track team is diligently striving for the greatest tosses and the highest and broadest jumps and the quickest times from start to finish under the scrutinizing eye of Coach Owen. The Staff of the *BELL RINGER* in speaking for the entire student body wishes for the sportsmen the highest of their goals.

Baseball

This year's edition of the Montgomery Bell Academy baseball team looks for great improvement over last year's squad. Coached by John Bennett, the nine his already picked up an 8-4 win over highly touted West Rome, Ga., the 1961 and 1962 Georgia State Champion. The NIL League this year is said to be one of the fastest in years, however, with a nucleus of good hitters and a credible pitching staff the team should hold its own.

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Personalities



THE BELL RINGER of 1963-1964 is honored to announce Miss Kay Murphree as Personality of the Month. Kay attended Overbrook grammar school and before attending St. Cecilia where she is now a senior.

While at St. Cecilia, she is the secretary-treasurer of the student body and the student council. During her junior year, Kay served as second vice president of the SoCiality. She has achieved membership in the National Honor Society, and is the assistant editor of the school paper. Other school activities in which Kay takes part include the tennis and volleyball teams, and the varsity basketball team of which she was co-captain.

Outside school life, Kay takes active interest in her church and sorority. As a member of St. Henry's Church, she serves as treasurer of the Catholic Youth Organization. Also Kay is treasurer of the Kappa Delta Theta sorority.

She has great enthusiasm in extracurricular activities such as skiing, art, dramatics, and M. B. A. Kay has served as a spaghetti supper waitress for the past four years and was elected as a home coming attendant this year. An ardent supporter of M. B. A.'s athletic program, she has been a cheerleader for two years.

Kay has always been loyal to M. B. A., and we feel she is very deserving of Personality of the Month.



THE BELL RINGER is pleased to announce Mike Mooty as a Personality of the Month. Since coming to M. B. A. in the ninth grade from Julia Green, Mike not only has achieved an outstanding record but also has set a fine example for the entire student body. He has played football for four years. Moreover, he has been on the paper staff for three years (currently being the editor of the BELL RINGER) the debate team for four years, and the forensic club for three years (he was secretary-treasurer of the latter last year and is president this year). In addition, Mike is a member of Tolono.

Mike's activities are certainly not limited to school life. He was a Boy Scout, attaining the rank of Eagle and the coveted God and Country award. For three years he has been a member of the Hi-Y club. He attends Vine Street Christian Church, where he is president of the Youth Fellowship. He also is president of the Tennessee Christian Youth Fellowship. Mike, moreover, is secretary of the Delta Sigma fraternity.

Again we salute Mike Mooty—one truly worthy of recognition.

Matthew G. Horner



It is a pleasure for the BELL RINGER to honor Allen Lentz as Personality of the Month. Allen came to M.B.A. in the 8th grade from Parmer School and since then has distinguished himself indeed. He served as secretary-treasurer of his eighth-grade class and played microbe football and basketball.

As a freshman, Allen was elected as Vice-President of his class. He also played freshman football and basketball and ran freshman track. Allen was also honored with a NEDT award for scholastic achievement. Again in his sophomore year, Allen served as Vice-President of his class and was elected to the Key Club.

Last year Allen was a junior representative to the honor council and treasurer of the Service Club. He was also a member of the Hi-Y Club. Again Allen was honored for his scholastic ability as he received a Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation. He also ran varsity track.

Allen now serves as Vice-President of the honor council and President of the Service Club, and again he is a member of the track team. Allen is busy off campus, serving as Secretary and President of the Panhellenic Council. Allen will attend Vanderbilt University next year to study pre-medicine.

Allen's contributions to the life of the school have indeed been many and most worthy of recognition.



Since coming to M. B. A. in 1957, Mrs. Francis E. Carter, Jr., wife of our esteemed headmaster, has guided and helped many boys in her role as eighth grade ancient history teacher. She has a great interest in boys, "liking their honesty and enthusiasm."

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she lived most of her early life in Annapolis where she was mascot for the Naval Academy teams. Here was created an acute interest in athletics which she has not lost, a fact which is easily noted at any M. B. A. football game.

She was graduated from Sweet Briar College and went to Gilman School in Baltimore after her marriage. After a period in which Mr. Carter was in the Navy, they moved to Winslow-Salem and then to Nashville.

The Carters have two children, Anne, who is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and is planning to marry in June, and Richard, a sophomore at Vanderbilt. Besides her interests in boys, Mrs. Carter has helped with many charities and church works.

Mrs. Carter figures that she has been in boys' schools for twenty-five years and has attended 1800 activities. It is with deep appreciation for her assistance and devotion to M. B. A. that we salute Mrs. Francis Carter as a personality of the month.

Hank Davis



THE BELL RINGER wishes to express both pride and admiration in its announcement of Miss Lorean Thompson as its personality of the month.

Born and raised in Bedford County near Shelbyville, Miss Thompson attended both grade school and high school in her home county. After her graduation from State Teacher's College, Miss Thompson attended Peabody College in Nashville.

Miss Thompson then began her teaching career, a career of complete devotion to duty. Miss Thompson began teaching in Marshall County, Tennessee. She then moved to Nashville to teach at Stokes School. In 1943 Miss Thompson came to M. B. A. and has been here since that date.

At present, Miss Thompson is an eighth grade home room teacher. She chooses to teach in the Junior School because she "likes boys of that age group." There is little wonder as to her affinity for children since she herself was a member of a family of ten.

To the members of the student body, Miss Thompson is much more than just a teacher. She is, by her devotion and patience, a strong and motivating force during our first years at M.B.A. Her duties as a teacher leave her little time for hobbies. Music, however, dominates whatever spare time she might have. Having worked on organ recital at Ward Belmont, Miss Thompson can truly be considered an accomplished musician.

The reasons for Miss Thompson's election as Teacher of the Month, however, are not merely her accomplishments as a teacher or musician. The reason for her selection is the sense of deep admiration which the student body holds for this fine lady. Then it is both with pleasure and respect that THE BELL RINGER salutes Miss Lorean Thompson.

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